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Dear N. Drains

I would say "dear old Drains" did I dare, I have your
"Dear Graduate" Circular. I will be at Centennial of Mine
the that time and keep well. I am much interested in
everything I see that pertains to the prosperity of the old
College. Middlebury made a deep mark on my life. I
think "depth" was the one thing she taught me. There is
a point below which you have not reached: there is a
rootlet still untraced, and not unearned which you
must trace and bring out unbroken if you would have
one that belongs to the plant. The one characteristic
of my life I think has been completeness in doing
whatever was to be done. I worked once I worked over a
trial balance, and wound up by an all-night standing
at my desk, and on the factory bill run for 7 or 8
pounds the even of '25. Middlebury was back of that.
I wanted to go to the August Friday night in New York

but I can't. I have been engaged in
raising \$8000. for the Museum Road Bldg and it
has so often in on my time and means also that I
cannot go away from home this week. I had a
good letter from old Hassellton, Bristol last
week. Give my regards to any one I know. I love
Middlebury. Look for me in 1900. My oldest
daughter is married - My son is to be married
in June. He is in the Carnegie Steel Co here and
doing well. My younger girl Miss Estlin Willard
in 1900. She is a splendid scholar. I would
send her to Middlebury if I could. But the mother
and the girls are too strong for us old fellows. Give
me honestly, is the Unitarian atmosphere at Middlebury
dangerous? So Vassar better? Give with love
Love Ever, Stewart, Richard Holmes.